

Amendment
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/674,386

Amendments to the Drawings:

Enclosed is a Replacement Sheet replacing original Drawing Sheet 1 containing Figs. 1 and 2. The Replacement Sheet includes the legend "Prior Art" for Fig. 1. No new matter has been added.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the subject application, and all of the claims are allowed, with only formal matters requiring attention.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-17.

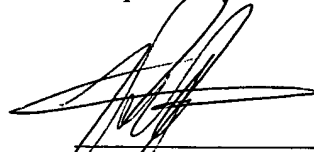
The attached Replacement Sheet includes the "Prior Art" legend for Fig. 1; accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Further, Applicant has corrected the informality in the specification noted by the Examiner along with a few other minor informalities. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the disclosure.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims 1-17. However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

Respectfully submitted,



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